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INFORMAL SECURITY COUNCIL CONSULTATIONS APRIL 13

1. DURING CONTACT GROUP MEETING (SEPTEL-NOTAL), GROUP AGREED ON DRAFT TALKING POINTS (PARA 2 BELOW) FOR USE IN INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON NAMIBIA SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 13 AT 3:30 PM. GROUP AGREED, IN LIGHT OF US PRESIDENCY OF COUNCIL, THAT TALKING POINTS SHOULD BE MADE

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BY UK AMB MURRAY.

2. TEXT OF DRAFT TALKING POINTS FOLLOWS:
DRAFT TALKING POINTS FOR INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

- MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL WILL HAVE SEEN THE LETTER TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL DATED 10 APRIL (S/12636) FROM THE REPRESENTATIVES OF CANADA, FRANCE, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, UNITED KINGDOM, AND UNITED STATES, ENCLOSING A PROPOSAL FOR A SETTLEMENT OF THE NAMIBIAN SITUATION. COPIES OF THE PROPOSAL HAD, OF COURSE, BEEN DISTRIBUTED INFORMALLY A WEEK EARLIER TO GIVE DELEGATIONS MORE TIME TO CONSIDER IT.

- WE HAVE ASKED FOR THESE INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS BECAUSE WE WANTED TO LET OUR COLLEAGUES ON THE COUNCIL KNOW HOW WE THOUGHT THAT CONSIDERATION OF NAMIBIA BY THE COUNCIL MIGHT PROCEED. WE THINK IT ESSENTIAL TO DEMONSTRATE THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO ACHIEVING AN EARLY NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT. WE HAVE BEEN CONSCIOUS OF THE RISKS IN DELAYING AN APPROACH TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL. DELAY COULD WELL MAKE AN INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION MORE DIFFICULT TO ACHIEVE, AND COULD STRENGTHEN THE HAND OF THOSE WHO STILL FAVOUR AN INTERNAL SOLUTION.
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- WE HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED THE FORMAL REACTIONS OF THE PARTIES CONCERNED. WE ARE EXPECTING THE REACTIONS OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT AND SWAPO VERY SHORTLY. MEANWHILE WE HAVE RECEIVED REPORTS THAT SOME IMPORTANT ELEMENTS OF OPINION INSIDE NAMIBIA IN PARTICULAR THE CHURCHES, SUPPORT OUR PROPOSAL. IN ADDITION, WE ARE GRATIFIED BY THE MEASURE OF ENCOURAGEMENT WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM A NUMBER OF AFRICAN STATES.

- WE BELIEVE EARLY ACTION BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL IS VITAL IF AN INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE SETTLEMENT IS TO BE ACHIEVED. INDEED, WE CONSIDER THAT- A CLEAR EXPRESSION OF SUPPORT BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL OF SUCH A SETTLEMENT MIGHT IN ITSELF HELPFULLY INFLUENCE THE ATTITUDES OF THE PARTIES. WE THEREFORE PROPOSE, FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF OUR COLLEAGUES IN THE COUNCIL, THAT THE COUNCIL SHOULD MEET FORMALLY ON MONDAY TO BEGIN CONSIDERATION OF THE NAMIBIAN QUESTION. AT SUCH A MEETING, WE WOULD TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLAIN THE BACKGROUND TO OUR PROPOSAL, AND TO UNDERLINE ITS MAIN PROVISIONS. WE HAVE PREPARED A WORKING DRAFT OF A POSSIBLE SECURITY COUNCIL

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RESOLUTION, WHICH WE ARE CIRCULATING INFORMALLY FOR THE INFORMATION OF OUR COLLEAGUES. AS YOU WILL SEE, THE DRAFT, AFTER TAKING NOTE OF THE LETTER OF 10 APRIL FROM OUR FIVE REPRESENTATIVES, WOULD REQUEST THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO REPORT TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROPOSAL, AND TO APPOINT A SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR NAMIBIA. WE BELIEVE THAT SUCH A RESOLUTION WOULD CONSTITUTE AN IMPORTANT STEP TOWARDS THE ACHIEVEMENT OF AN INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE SETTLE-MENT. WE ENVISAGE THAT, IN THE USUAL MANNER, THE SECRE-TARY GENERAL WOULD PREPARE A REPORT ON ITS IMPLEMENTATION

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WHICH THE SECURITY COUNCIL WOULD THEN CONSIDER, AND WE HOPE, ADOPT AT A SECOND SUBSEQUENT STAGE. MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL ARE NO DOUBT AWARE THAT WE HAVE KEPT THE CONFIDENTIAL

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SECRETARY-GENERAL CLOSELY INFORMED OF THE PROGRESS OF OUR INITIATIVE.

- WE RECOGNISE THAT ON A MATTER OF SUCH IMPORTANCE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL WOULD WISH TO CONSULT THEIR GOVERNMENTS. WE WOULD ASK OUR COLLEAGUES TO DO SO NOW, WITH A VIEW TO BEGINNING OUR CONSIDERATION OF THE ITEM IN FORMAL SESSION ON MONDAY 17 APRIL.
- WE WANT TO ASSURE OUR COLLEAGUES THAT WE ARE IN NO WAY TRYING TO LIMIT THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHICH BEGINS ON 24 APRIL. ON THE CONTRARY, WE BELIEVE THAT AN EARLY SECURITY COUNCIL DECISION TO AUTHORISE THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO APPOINT A SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE AND TO SUBMIT A REPORT WOULD VERY MUCH HELP THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE SPECIAL SESSION. WE BELIEVE THAT THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CAN WORK TOGETHER TO SOLVE THE NAMIBIAN QUESTION. IN PARTICULAR, IF THE COUNCIL WERE ABLE TO MOVE SUFFICIENTLY RAPIDLY, THE SPECIAL SESSION MIGHT EVEN BE IN A POSITION, AT THE END OF ITS PROCEEDINGS, TO AUTHORISE THE NECESSARY FINANCING FOR THE UNITED NATIONS PRESENCE IN NAMIBIA. AS I SAID EARLIER, UNDUE DELAY IN TAKING ACTION IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL COULD JEOPARDISE THE PROSPECTS FOR AN INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE SETTLEMENT. IMPORTANT TASK IS TO TAKE A DECISION ON OUR PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR NEXT WEEK.

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